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Yellow fever in Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the existence of another case of yellow fever, making the tenth known case for the season.

The patient is an American named Beekman, and is the head of the boat-building department of the United Fruit Company; he has been a resident of this place for about two years.

Drs. Wailes and Carter have seen the case with me and concur in the diagnosis.

During the past week I have been called to see several cases of fever, and have taken the other quarantine physicians to see them. The symptoms have not been marked enough to say that it was yellow fever, but they are decidedly suspicious. The physicians above mentioned are of the same opinion.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 18, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 18, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, cases, 8; deaths, 4; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 11. Prevailing diseases, malarial and yellow fevers. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good, as the 15 deaths from all causes testify. As soon as a case of yellow fever is recognized, it is removed to an isolated mosquito-proof ward in a hospital, reserved for that purpose. Disinfection is done where possible, otherwise aëration and sunlight are depended upon. With all our care, we will continue to have new cases at intervals, and I will be satisfied if we ward off an epidemic.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 12, steamship *Athos;* crew, 38; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 9; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 15, steamship *Beverly;* crew, 38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 16, steamship *Breakwater;* crew, 37; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 17, steamship *Columbia;* crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
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